(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government has taken adequate steps to provide funds to the needy and poor farmers at comparatively lower interest rates.

Production of onion

†3193. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of onion in the kharif season in 2006-07 was more than that of kharif season of previous year;

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the details of production of onion during both of the said years, separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more quantity of onion was exported this year as compared to the previous year from the country; and

(d) if so, the quantity of exported onion till January, 2007 and to what extent it is lesser or more than the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of onion in the kharif season in the year 2006-07 was more about 13% compared to previous year. Onion production during kharif was more mainly in the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu States. However, it was less in Gujarat, M.P. and Orissa States. State-wise estimates on the area and production during kharif, late kharif and rabi season in the year 2006-07 in comparison to previous year are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. A significant increase in onion exports was recorded during 2006-07 as compared to previous year.

(d) During the year 2006-07 upto 26.2.2007, NAFED and other State Trading Enterprises (STEs) put together have exported/issued NOCs for a quantity of 10,43,072 mts. of onion as against a quantity of 6,99,663 mts exported upto 28.2.2006 which is more by 3,43,409 mts. showing an increase of about 49%.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement,

State-wise Area and Production of Onion for 2004-05 to 2006-07

	Area in '000' HA			*Prodn in '000' Ton*			*Yield in Ton/HA*		
	2004-2005			2005-2006			2006-2007		
State	Area	Production	Yield	Area	Prodn.	Yield	Area	Prodn.	Yield
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
KHARIF									
Andhra Pradesh	1.90	16.75	8.82	2.10	18.50	8.81	2.10	18.50	8.81
Bihar	2.15	32.25	15.00	2.05	30.65	14.95	2.05	30.65	14.95
Gujarat	8.25	165.00	20.00	7.75	150.00	19.35	6.82	136.40	20.00
Haryana	5.50	100.00	18.18	5.30	96.00	18.11	5.30	96.00	18.11
Karnataka	27.00	202.50	7.50	30.24	226.80	7.50	34.78	278.21	8.00
Madhya Pradesh	5.00	66.00	13.20	4.00	52.80	13.20	3.12	49.92	16.00
Maharashtra	11.48	270.00	23.52	9.75	155.00	15.90	11.70	222.38	19.01
Orissa	0.50	8.00	16.00	0.50	8.00	16.00	0.43	7.23	16.81
Rajasthan	13.00	190.00	14.62	13.65	200.00	14.65	14.47	245.97	17.00
Tamil Nadu	11.50	127.00	11.04	13.80	153.10	11.09	14.49	159.39	11.00
Uttar Pradesh	1.25	13.00	10.40	1.15	12.00	10.43	1.15	12.00	10.43
Others	4.00	56.00	14.00	4.15	58.00	13.98	4.35	61.01	14.03
TOTAL:	91.53	1246.50	13.62	94.44	1160.85	12.29	96.41	1256.65	13.03

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LATE KHARIF									
Gujarat	22.00	430.00	19.55	23.10	451 50	19.55	19.64	406.35	20.69
Maharashtra	26.50	550.00	20.75	29.15	605.00	20.75	30.60	653.40	21.35
Orissa	10.00	200.00	20.00	10.00	185.00	18.50	10.50	197.95	18.85
Others	6.75	125.00	18.52	6.95	128.75	18.53	7.30	139.05	19.05
TOTAL:	65.25	1305.00	20.00	69.20	1370.25	19.80	68.04	1396.75	20.53
RABI									
Andhra Pradesh	19.00	170.00	8.95	19.95	178.50	8.95	17.56	157.08	8.95
Bihar	22.00	235.00	10.68	22.00	235.00	10.68	24.20	258.50	10.68
Gujarat	17.50	365.00	20.86	18.38	383.25	20.85	20.21	440.74	21.81
Haryana	7.75	161.00	20.77	7.75	161.00	20.77	7.75	161.00	20.77
Karnataka	10.35	67.50	6.52	11.40	79.80	7.00	11.05	78.20	7.08
Madhya Pradesh	21.00	245.00	11.67	21.50	251.00	11.67	19.35	238.45	12.32
Maharashtra	43.00	850.00	19.77	55.00	1090.00	19.77	58.85	1242.60	21.11
Orissa	45.00	280.00	6.22	45.00	280.00	6.22	46.35	294.00	6.34
Rajasthan	14.00	172.00	12.29	14.70	180.60	12.29	13.23	162.54	12.29
Tamil Nadu	10.00	95.50	9.55	10.20	98.00	9.61	11.73	107.80	9.19
Uttar Pradesh	52.50	550.00	10.48	52.50	550.00	10.48	55.13	577.50	10.48
Others	21.50	200.00	9.30	22.00	205.00	9.32	24.20	235.75	9.74
TOTAL:	283.60	3391.00	11.96	300.38	3692.15	12.29	309.61	3954.16	12.77
GRAND TOTAL:	440.38	5942.50	13.49	464.02	6223.25	13.41	474.06	6607.56	13.94

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